

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0002] with the following amended paragraph:

[0002] Reference is hereby made to the following commonly-owned applications:  
Application No. 09/088,300, filed June 1, 1998, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,068,861 issued May 30, 2000; Application No. 09/296,499, filed April 22, 1999, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,110,387 issued August 29, 2000; Application No. 09/323,348, filed June 1, 1999, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,303,038 B1 issued October 16, 2001; Application No. 09/404,184, filed September 24, 1999; Application No. 09/442,025, filed November 17, 1999, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,306,441 issued October 23, 2001; Application No. 09/451,319, filed November 30, 1999; Application No. 09/451,344, filed November 30, 1999, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,352,725 B1 issued March 5, 2002; Application No. 09/456,781, filed December 8, 1999, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,495,169 B1 issued December 17, 2002; Application No. 09/483,896, filed January 18, 2000, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,448,410 B1 issued September 10, 2002; Application No. 09/484,687, filed January 18, 2000, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,508,954 B1 issued January 21, 2003; Application No. 09/484,844, filed January 18, 2000; Application No. 09/484,891, filed January 18, 2000, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,495,698 B1 issued December 17, 2002; Application No. 09/484,938, filed January 18, 2000, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,565,868 B1 issued May 20, 2003; Application No. 09/487,816, filed January 18, 2000; Application No. 09/506,911, filed February 18, 2000, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,511,682 B1 issued January 28, 2003; Application No. 09/658,839, filed September 8, 2000, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,375,991 B1 issued April 23, 2002; Application No. 09/663,788, filed September 18, 2000, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,348,219 B1 issued February 19, 2002; Application No. 09/663,948, filed September 18, 2000, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,299,909 B1 issued October 9, 2001; Application No. 09/732,601, filed December 7, 2000, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,506,418 B1 issued January 14, 2003; Application No. 09/775,516, filed February 2, 2001, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,641,828 B1 issued November 4, 2003; Application No. 09/778,228, filed February 6, 2001, now abandoned; Application No. 09/785,890, filed February 16, 2001; Application No. 09/893,581, filed June 28, 2001, now abandoned; and Application No. 09/974,622, filed October 9, 2001, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,652,889 B2 issued November 25, 2003.

Please replace paragraph [0003] and the section heading immediately prior thereto with the following amended paragraph and section heading:

**REFERENCE TO A PREVIOUSLY JOINTLY-OWNED APPLICATION**

[0003] Reference is hereby made to Application No. [~~Case SU-7245~~], filed [~~concurrently herewith~~] entitled "~~Microbiological Control in Animal Processing~~" 10/028,631, filed December 21, 2001, of which ~~one of two owners is the owner of the present application~~ is presently owned by the other of the original joint owners.